

**Amendment to the Abstract**

Please amend the Abstract as follows. A clean, non-marked up copy of the Abstract appears on its own sheet attached to the end of this Preliminary Amendment.

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a A method for the production of cast steel strip ~~(B)~~, wherein, in a continuous procedure ~~[[,]]~~ includes casting a steel melt ~~is cast~~ into a casting gap ~~[[ (4),]]~~ having ~~[[the]]~~ longitudinal sides of which are formed by walls that move during the casting process, to form the steel strip ~~[[ (B)]]~~, and holding the steel melt, which is present above the casting gap ~~[[ (4)]]~~ in a melt pool ~~[[ (6)]]~~, ~~is held~~ under an atmosphere ~~[[ (A)]]~~ containing nitrogen and hydrogen. ~~According to the invention, a~~ This method ~~of this type~~ allows the production of high-quality steel strips having a significantly improved surface composition compared to the prior art in that the hydrogen content of the atmosphere ~~[[ (A)]]~~ is greater than 0 mol % to 10 mol %, and the Cr, Mo, Nb, Si, Ti, Ni, Mn, C or N contents of the cast steel melt, which are selectively present in each case for adjusting the characteristics of the steel strip ~~[[ (B)]]~~, are in each case selected ~~in such a way that for the~~ so that a ratio  $Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq}$  ~~formed from the Cr equivalent  $Cr_{eq}$  and the Ni equivalent  $Ni_{eq}$ , the following applies:~~  $Cr_{eq}/Ni_{eq} \geq 1.7$ , wherein  $Cr_{eq} = \%Cr + 1.37\%Mo + 2\%Nb + 1.5\%Si + 3\%Ti$  and  $Ni_{eq} = \%Ni + 0.31\%Mn + 22\%C + 14\%N + \%Cu$ ,  $\%Si$  = respective Si content,  $\%Ti$  = respective Ti content,  $\%Ni$  = respective Ni content,  $\%Mn$  = respective Mn content,  $\%C$  = respective C content,  $\%N$  = respective N content.

**The single figure is intended for the abstract.**